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Toru TAKAHASHI, et al.

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For: SPACER FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT**

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Under "Foreign Applications", please change the first priority document to read

**JAPAN 2002-353989 12/05/2002**

Verification for the requested correction is indicated on the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed March 14, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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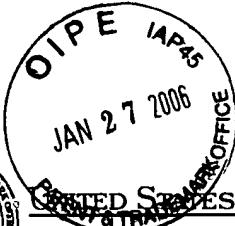
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP03/15507 12/04/2003 ✓

## Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2002-353989 12/15/2002 12/05/02  
 JAPAN 2003-188388 06/30/2003 ✓  
 JAPAN 2003-342206 09/30/2003 ✓  
 JAPAN 2003-388444 11/18/2003 ✓

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/522,167**

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Non-Publication Request: No

**Early Publication Request: No**

**Title**

Spacer for liquid crystal display and process for producing the same ✓

**Preliminary Class**

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**SPACER FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

the application of which

is attached hereto

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was filed on December 4, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2003/15507 (Confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_), and was amended on January 24, 2005 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Application Number(s)	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed	
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2002-353989	Japan	December 5, 2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003-188388	Japan	June 30, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003-342206	Japan	September 30, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003-388444	Japan	November 18, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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